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### Calls for quarry to be filled in after tragic death of teenager

CALLS are being made for an abandoned quarry in West Lancashire to be filled in following the tragic death of a teenage boy at the weekend.

Jamie Lewin, aged 16, from Southport

died following an incident at a Dawbers Delph, locally known as East Quarry, in Appley Bridge on Saturday.

Police were called at around 9.40pm on Saturday, July 9 to a report a boy had

entered the water and got into difficulty at the delph.

Emergency services attended the scene and following a search his body was recovered from the water. He was sadly



Jamie Lewin

pronounced

dead at the scene.
The boy's family have paid a heartbreaking tribute to the 'one-in-a-million' teenager.

His mother Steph Lewin said: "Jamie was a promising boxer who loved life and had so much to look forward to.

"He was so loved by everyone. He

touched so many peoples' lives.
"He really was one in a million. I'm so happy I was his mum."

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# RAILWAY STATION U-TURN 'BETRAYAL'

Fury as plan promoted as part of government's levelling-up agenda in its manifesto is scrapped

Report by **Henry James** 

PLANS to build a railway station in Skelmersdale have been rejected by the government in what MP Rosie Cooper called a 'betrayal' of the town.

The government has said proposals for a new station and branch line into the town won't be considered for the next stage of development.

The West Lancashire MP said she was "disgusted" by the decision as the Conservatives used it as an example of 'levelling up rail transport in the UK' during the 2019 election campaign.

She added that she would "not give up the fight"

to revive the plan.

The plans would have seen two direct trains to and from Liverpool per hour, as well as improved

links with Manchester and Preston.
Skelmersdale's original railway station closed to passengers in 1956.

A Strategic Outline Business Case was submitted by the county council to the Department for Transport last year. The county council said work will continue to bring other transport improvements to the town, despite this setback.



MP Rosie Cooper has slammed the decision to reject building a new rail line to Skelmersdale.

The plans would have created new rail infrastructure and a new station in the heart of the town.

The government has now suggested focussing on the existing Kirkby-Wigan rail line to improve connections to the town.

This would require less infrastructure work and

involve a lower cost.

The DfT said it will now engage with the county council and the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority to look into these options in more detail. Other options being looked at include a bus link Continued inside

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# Hare coursing pair are banned from walking their dogs

Report by **Henry James** 

TWO men have been banned from walking their dogs anywhere in England and Wales after being convicted of hare coursing in Ormskirk.

Warren Kelly, 36, and Andrew Dutton, 58, from Chester, were both given five-year criminal behaviour orders after being convicted of four offences at Lancaster Magistrates' Court.

They were also fined nearly £500

Police said the pair were known to poach all over the UK including Lancashire and Merseyside.

The CBO bans them from being anywhere in England and Wales in possession or control of a dog other than in their home and from being with any person anywhere with a dog. It also bans them out of large areas of

Lancashire and Merseyside, from acting in a manner that is likely to cause har-assment, alarm and distress.

The order also stipulates that if they breach the order, anything in their possession at the time, any vehicle and any dogs will be forfeited.

A spokesperson for Ormskirk and Rural West Lancs Police said: "The measures farmers have to put in place to deter these offenders cost considerable amounts of money which in turn is passed onto food consumers.

"These criminal behaviour orders will offer safety for the community and protection to vulnerable species.

"Due to the feeling of isolation in rural areas and previous experience of threats, it takes great courage for farmers to step forward and we will continue to stand shoulder to shoulder with them in the fight against wildlife crimes and animal cruelty.

### Light Railway's summer steam gala to return next month

West Lancashire Light Railway's big event of the year, the two-day summer steam gala, returns on Saturday. August 6 and Sunday, August 7 - when all the favourite attractions are brought together into one event!

Two engines will be in steam, the resident Hunslet 0-4-0 saddle tank 'Irish Mail' from 1903 and the visiting Kerr Stuart 'Stanhope' of 1917.

There will also be a 16mm live steam model railway plus 009 and Meccano displays with children's fairground rides (Sunday only), traditional games, rail catering van and tearoom.

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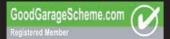


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# Calls for quarry to be filled in after latest tragedy at site

'It must now be drained as a matter of urgency to prevent more deaths occurring'

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"He was only 16 and so full of life and so happy." A spokesman for Lancashire Police said: "The death

is not being treated as suspicious and a file will be

passed to the coroner in due course."
Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service added: "We were called at 9.36pm to Dawber Delph, Appley Bridge to assist Lancashire Police and North West Ambulance Service in the search for one person in

"Three fire engines, a boat and the drone team were deployed. Tragically the casualty died at the scene. Our thoughts are with their loved ones."

Two other teenage boys have previously drowned

at the same site and following the recent tragedy there have been calls to fill in the quarry.
In 2015, 13-year-old Miracle Godson, who was

expected to become a future rugby league star, died after getting into difficulty at the Appley Bridge quarry. Craig Croston, 17, drowned at the site in 1999.

Beckie Ramsey whose 13-year-old son Dylan, died swimming at a quarry near Chorley in 2011 said: "As soon as I heard the words Appley Bridge quarry my heart sank. I knew what I was about to be told.

"This quarry gets overrun with young people especially over the summer months.

"I've been involved in a few campaigns to try and stop the unwanted swimmers. I worked with the police and fire service and the quarry owner just last year and in previous years.

"The quarry is 75 foot deep... I can't even contemplate that depth.

"The temperature is so cold, the depth is so deep, there are undercurrents, underwater debris, old scrap metal, glass weeds the list goes on... The dangers are endless.

"For a few years now the owner has wanted nothing



Youths at East Quarry in Appley Bridge in 2021, and inset, an aerial view of the site.

more than to have this quarry drained... Yet sadly he comes across residents that think a little mud on the

roads means more than saving numerous lives! "Councillors and residents saying no to draining and filling it in and raising objections because of the mess that might be left behind by trucks transporting

"I hope these people are sitting and thinking how their objections have impacted on this death! "This is one of if not the most preventable tragedies

I've come across.

"If not I totally understand. Please know you are not alone and my inbox is open. I've left a card at the quarry with my number. Feel free to reach out and know that you are not alone!

"To the owner you got my backing as soon as I looked in your eyes and saw that you never wanted this to happen to anyone ever.

"This quarry needs draining and filling... No more excuses, no more deaths!"

West Lancashire MP Rosie Cooper has called for

Lancashire County Council "to approve and facilitate the urgent and immediate draining of the East

West Lancs MP Rosie Cooper said: "I am saddened by the tragic news that a teenager has died in the East Quarry in Appley Bridge.

"My deepest sympathies are with his family and

"Although the police, owners and local authorities have consistently done what they can to secure this quarry to advise and prevent people from swimming in the lake, the size of the site has proved this difficult.
"Whenever we have a period of good weather, this

has led to young people ignoring advice and warn-

ings not to swim in the quarry.

"The quarry must now be drained as a matter of urgency, and I am calling on Lancashire County Council to give the final approval to any pending applications for the developers to begin draining the

### Company asks for go-ahead to develop the area

OWNERS of the quarry, Maybrook Properties say it was "deeply saddened" by the boy's death and it has prepared an application "to drain, fill and re-water

the quarry."

Maybrook has previously been granted planning permission for a complex of floating houses, apartments, hotel and leisure facilities at East Quarry, Appley

The company's website states: "Unfortunately this does not de-risk the area and therefore since ownership May-brook have focused its efforts on getting the quarry drained.

"There have been fatalities and a num-ber of serious injuries in the quarry as

attracting trespassers.

"Once drained Maybrook plan to fill the quarry with inert materials delivered either by rail (preferred) or road in order to create a suitable substrata for



A warning sign at the site

further development.'

The company added: "Given the delays and objections rather that wait for the determination of a planning application for development of the site, which could take years, we decided in late 2021 to remove the attraction and the danger it poses by reducing the depth of the water within the quarry.

"The external appearance quarry would be the same, but it would be safe. "Upon issuing of the certificate Maybrook will be able to commence the

drainage and works.

"In the view of the clear and ongoing risk to life Maybrook pleads with the council to issue the certificate immediately and without further delays.
"We would be grateful if interested

parties could provide us a letter supporting application."

### Hospitals to offer jobs on the spot to right candidates at recruitment day

**SOUTHPORT and Ormskirk** hospitals are offering jobs on the spot for the right candid-ates who turn up to recruitment events for support staff being held this month.

There are vacancies for maintenance technicians, switchboard operators, joiners, catering assistants and domestic assistants.

"Quite literally, you can walk up for a chat and walk away with a job," said Chris Davies, associate director for estates and facilities. "There are no upfront forms and no fuss. Just walk in and tell us about your-

"Our hospitals only function because we have hundreds of people supporting clinical staff cleaning, cooking and carrying as well as maintaining and repairing of our building and

grounds.
"So, by joining our team, you'll be a key member of hos-pital staff helping delivery excellent care for our patients."

Interviews will take place at Ormskirk District General Hospital on Saturday, July 16 from 9am until 4pm

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## Councillor fired up over deliberate blaze started in Ruff Wood

PEOPLE who deliberately started a fire in Ruff Wood, Ormskirk have been slammed by a county councillor.

Cllr Nikki Hennessy had to call Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service to deal with the incident on the evening of Tuesday, June 28. She said: "I called the Lan-

cashire Fire and Rescue Service this evening as a fire had been deliberately started in Ruff Wood and whoever started it just walked away.

"The reprobates even brought their own kindling! Yeah, they took their own wood to the

woods!?

"We tried to put it out but it continued to smoke,

it obviously wasn't going out easily.
"It wasn't long 'til my favourite blue light service came to the rescue.

"I appreciate no one's life or property was at risk but Ruff Wood is a favourite local beauty spot for families and dog walkers.



Councillor Nikki Hennessy by the remains of the fire

"The thought that people actually plan willful destruction of Ruff Wood really annoys me.
"I will ask if we can get signs up to deter this

senseless activity. Please report if you see any-

"I also want to say a big thank you to Ormskirk firefighters.

### Adult numeracy scheme edges closer

PLANS to deliver a new £5.9m skills programme aimed at boosting adult numeracy in Lancashire are moving forward, after the county council's cabinet agreed the next steps.

The programme is targeted at adults aged 19+ who do not have a GSCE at Grade 4

(or equivalent). It aims to help people improve their ability to understand and use maths in daily life.

Locally devolved funds will be complemented by a digital on-line learning platform that is being developed by the Department for Educa-

A funding formula has been used to allocate funds to local areas, with Lancashire being earmarked £5.9m.

Local authorities are required to develop and sub-mit investment plans to the Department for Education by June 30, to enable delivery to start in September 2022.

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# Fury as proposal to build new town railway station scrapped by government

between Skelmersdale and the planned new railway station at Headbolt Lane in Kirkby, which has featured within the county council's recently sub-

mitted Bus Service Improvement Plan.

Ms Cooper said: "I am disgusted by the decision of the Department for Transport not to pursue the proposal for Skelmersdale Railway, rejecting Lan-cashire County Council's business case that would have been revolutionary for the town.

"During the 2019 election, the Tories repeatedly used Skelmersdale as an example of how they will be 'levelling up' rail transport. Not just locally, but

even on their national campaign website!
"To now completely turn their backs on Skelmersdale residents, is a cruel joke, a betrayal.

"It is insulting that the Government now suggest we should pursue improving the buses instead, at the same time as the Liverpool City Region are consulting on reducing the bus service to Liverpool to

"Skelmersdale is one of the largest towns without a train station, why are we being neglected and

ignored? Why is our station less important?
"Replacing the Skelmersdale Rail plan with a shuttle bus is simply not good enough.

"We are constantly hearing about rail improve-ments down south; we should be treated equally levelled up even!

"I will not be giving up this fight and I will hold the Government and Department for Transport to account for this betrayal.

"The Transport Secretary and Rail Minister should come and see Skelmersdale themselves and I am offering them an open invitation to visit, the sooner the better.

"This is not the end, and we will keep fighting for a train station to finally be returned to



Under the plan Skelmersdale would have been linked to the Mersevrail network.

Skelmersdale

The SOBC was developed by Lancashire County Council, working in partnership with organisations including Merseytravel, Network Rail and West Lancashire Borough Council.

County Councillor Charlie Edwards, County Councillor Charlie Edwards, cabinet member for highways and transport, said: "I know local people will be disappointed at this but we'll continue working hard to explore other options for public transport improvements.

## Borough council will fight to reverse decision 'as rail link best way to improve connectivity'

WEST Lancashire Borough Council say they will fight to have the decision to reject a rail link reversed.

Councillor Ývonne Gagen, leader of West Lancashire Borough Council, said: "We are incredibly disappointed at the decision and this will be a bitter blow to the people of Skelmersdale who will undoubtedly feel they have been let

down by the Government's decision. "A rail link would have created significant opportunities for them to connect with the wider region and to take advantage of all the subsequent increased investment and regenera-

tion opportunities that would bring.
"We welcome the DfT's acknowledgement of the need to invest in public transport connectivity in

Skelmersdale. However, we feel strongly that a rail link would have been the best and most effective way to achieve this, and we will continue to fight for the decision to be

"Given Government funding for rail investment is over-subscribed with a high level of competition, a change in decision is highly unlikely.

"Despite this setback, we can assure the people of Skelmersdale that we will continue to work tirelessly to explore and forge ahead with improvement plans, which we hope will include a rail link, that offer residents the significantly improved connectivity and sustainable transport solutions they deserve.

## Zoe wins Secondary Teacher of Year award

**OUR Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Engin**eering College teacher Zoe Fox has won Secondary Teacher of the Year at the inaugural 'Association for Citizenship Teaching' Awards, held in the Houses of

The shortlisted finalists and winners, included Zoe from the Skelmersdale school, were recognised at the event on

July 4, which was hosted by Lord Blunkett.

More than 100 outstanding Citizenship teachers, school leaders and organisations from across the UK were nominated for this year's Awards, giving the panel of judges a very difficult set of decisions. The evening



Zoe Fox

teelebration paid tribute to the many teachers and schools who work tirelessly to provide excellent Citizenship education, as they mark 20 years of ACT and of Citizenship as a national curriculum sub-

Our Lady Queen of Peace wrote on social media: "It was students and colleagues who nominated Miss Fox and we couldn't be prouder of her."
Although Rosie Cooper MP was unable

to attend the event in person, she has written to Zoe to congratulate her on winning this award.

Rosie Cooper MP said: "This is a huge achievement! Zoe is a credit to Our Lady Queen of Peace and West Lancashire as a whole and we are lucky to have her teach-

ing in the area.
"I have been really impressed by OLQP each time I have visited, so it is fantastic that the hard work and dedication of one of their teachers is being recognised. Zoe should be immensely proud of receiving

### Playwright to have Hillsboro play performed at festival

ing rave reviews for his "emotional and heartbreaking" story about the Hillsborough football tragedy has been included in the upcoming Liverpool Theatre Festival.

Tom Cain, who is a former Edge Hill University student, received glowing praise for '97+' based on the 1989 disaster, which caused the death of 97 Liverpool fans.

After it was performed at the Little Liverpool Theatre Festival earlier this year, it has now been

included in the Liverpool Theatre Festival running from August 31 to September 11 at St Luke's Bombed Out Church.

97+ will be performed on Friday, September 9 at 6pm and 8.30pm and tickets cost £20.

Liverpool Theatre Festival was created by Liverpool theatre producer Bill Elms, who has worked in the theatre industry for more than 30 years.

After a hugely successful inaugural year in 2020, Liverpool Theatre Festival returned in 2021 welcoming 2,700 festivalgoers across 12

Bill said: "I am delighted to invite new play 97+ to be part of the main Liverpool Theatre Festival after it received such an incredible reception in Little LTF in Spring – powerful and emotional, audiences need the opportunity to see this work again.

"The festival was created out of a love and need for live performance during a very difficult time – giving creatives and performers a much-needed platform to entertain audi-

ences once again, and now, along with Little LTF, it's gone on to become an important theatrical event in Liverpool's cultural calendar, thanks to its growing popularity.
"We continue to strive to offer a strong and

diverse programme – and the announcement of the first productions showcases just a small taster of what we can offer festivalgoers this year." Full details can be found at www.liver-

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### 1,232 offences during police operation to tackle criminal activity on county's roads

results of an operation they set up to tackle dangerous and criminal activity on the county's roads.

During the course of the operation, named #OpVanquish, officers stopped hundreds of vehicles and a total of 1,232 offences were found.

During the first week alone which

saw officers carry out a motorway operation tackling commercial vehicle crime, around £12,000 of fines were handed out.

Overall 526 traffic offence reports

or fixed penalties were issued, with a further 706 notices of intended prosecution given.

Offences from the fortnight included: 731 people speeding; 107 vehicles driven without an MOT; 96

people not wearing a seatbelt, including eight who were children or passengers; 55 people driving without insurance; 41 vehicles in without insurance; 41 vehicles in such bad condition they were prohibited from travelling any further; 44 people using a handheld mobile phone while driving; and 14 commercial vehicles being driven without their load properly secured.

Other offences included vehicles with illegally tinted windows, people driving without a licence or while disqualified and drink and drugdrivers.

Although the two weeks of surge activity is over, police say they will continue to be 'out and about' and dangerous and criminal driving on will not be tolerated

### School Games Gold Mark Award for school



The Year 4 children who have successfully made it to the School Games in Blackpool

# £4m stroke centre at Aintree could be in operation by autumn

Report by **Henry James** 

### Join the Summer Reading Challenge, youngsters urged

Rosie Cooper is supporting the Summer

Reading Challenge

PRIMARY school children are being encouraged to take part in The Reading Agency's 'Summer Reading Challenge'.

The challenge launched last Saturday and

by taking part children will be able to join six fictional 'Gadgeteers.'

The characters - brought to life by children's writer and illustrator Julian Beresford - use their 'curiosity and wonder' to understand the science behind a whole range of interests from fashion and technology to cooking and

The Challenge and its innovation-themed book collection will attempt to 'show that imagination can unlock endless possibilities', according to The Reading Agency - 'and the library is where this starts'.

This list includes numerous options spanning picture books, early reader books and middle grade titles by leading authors and illustrators

The challenge is backed by West Lancs MP Rosie Cooper, who commented: "Reading opens up a world of opportunity, enabling children's imaginations and comprehension to grow from an early age helping them to achieve throughout their lives.

"I'm pleased to be supporting the Reading Agency's summer Reading Challenge encour-aging more children to read, to join their local libraries and for their families to help their children to access these free facilities.

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A £4M 'Comprehensive Stroke Centre' at Aintree Hospital, could be in place by the autumn of this year.

A 12-week public consultation was

launched at the end of 2021 on the proposal which aims to improve hyperacute stroke services - the care provided in the 72-hour period immediately after someone has a stroke.

Clinicians want to bring together local hyper-acute services on the same site as The Walton Centre (at the Aintree University Hospital site), which provides a specialist stroke treatment called thrombectomy.

At the moment there are hyper-acute stroke services at the Royal Liverpool University Hospital, Aintree University

Hospital, and Southport Hospital. In backing the proposal, Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust say the present system of care for acute stroke patients makes it difficult to ensure that patients get equitable access to the specialist staff, tests, equipment and procedures they need in a timely manner.

The proposal has been developed by

stroke specialists from each of the hospital trusts involved, with the aim of giving every patient the very best chance of accessing specialist stroke treatments as soon as possible within the first 72-hour window'.

If the proposal went ahead, it would mean that in the future all suspected



Dr Paddy McDonald, stroke consultant, Southport & Ormskirk **Hospital NHS Trust** 

stroke patients from the trust areas concerned would be taken to Aintree University Hospital for the first 72hours of stroke care.

After this time, up to half of patients

would be able to leave hospital to continue their recovery at home, with help from an early supported discharge team. Those patients who weren't ready to go home, would be given further care at either Aintree University Hospital, Broadgreen hospital or Southport hospital, depending on which was closest

to where they live.

Dr Paddy McDonald, stroke consultant, Southport & Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust, told the Champion: "We are

working on introducing the £4m Comprehensive Stroke Centre in the very near future and it should be in operation by autumn of this year. We already provide a service at the Walton Centre called thrombertomy which is a group called thrombectomy which is a game changer. It involves removing the clot following a stroke by putting a catheter into the artery and is a highly technical procedure. This has to be done within six hours following a stroke.

People in Southport and West Lancashire have expressed concerns that stroke patients would be taken '30 minutes away' to Aintree Hospital.

Dr McDonald responded: "The honges will mean people will see the

changes will mean people will see the right people at the right place.

"Those people who want to see all the services at the local hospital are not living in the real world. Recruitment can be difficult at the smaller hospitals. This is not about taking everything away from Southport. It is about people receiving the right treatment and better treatment.

"After visiting the Comprehensive Stroke Centre those who need ongoing treatment could come back to Southport hospital to an acute stroke rehabilitation unit.

"This is a clinical led decision and is not about saving money. Most other regions are doing something similar. It is no different to heart attack patients having to go to Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital for stents.

"We have run workshops with representatives from the Stroke Association and they have been supportive of the

STAFF and pupils at St Thomas the Martyr CE Primary in Skelmersdale have achieved the School Games Gold Mark Award for the 2021/22 academic year.

The School Games Mark Award is a government-led scheme launched in 2012, run by the Youth Sport Trust to reward and recognise school's engagement in the School Games against a national benchmark, and to celebrate keeping young people active. Headteacher, Carl Roscoe

said: "Our physical activity and school sport achievements this year has resulted in some of our Year 4 children success fully making it to the School Games in Blackpool on July 5.

"The school are extremely proud of their pupils for their dedication to all aspects of physical activity and school

sport.
"We are also committed to using the School Games to try and engage those young people who haven't previously been active or represented our school and to try and ensure that all our students have a that all our students have a positive experience and want to try out new activities beyond school in our community.

### Housebuilder plans to build 200 more new homes in town

HOUSEBUILDER Bellway has received permission to build a further 200 homes in Skelmersdale on Neverstitch Road.

The new development is an extension of Bellway's previous Lathom Pastures development which got underway in 2018.

With planning permission granted, Bellway plan a mix of three and four bedroom detached and semi-detached homes.

The development will also feature three acres of open green space that will form part of the new Ormskirk to Skelmersdale Linear Park. As part of the planning agreement, Bellway has made a Section 106 contribution of £100,000 towards the construction of the park.

Remediation works have started on site, with Bellway hoping to commence build in the next few months.





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# Chance to see 50 historic vehicles at annual open day

Report by **Henry James** 

Merseyside Trust (MTT) will be holding its Annual Open Day event on Sunday, July 31 to raise funds for the upkeep of its fleet of more than 50 historic vehicles.

This is a rare and unique opportunity to see the vast collection of buses - and a train - in various stages of restoration.

The event also aims to attract new members, volunteers, sponsorship and generate interest within the community.

This year's event will feature bus rides around the surrounding area, serving local pubs, several scenic West Lancashire villages and supporting local businesses.
There will be numerous

vehicles on display including visiting vehicles from other preservation groups, sales stands and talks given about the group's latest projects and how people can become involved

The MTT and the Annual Open Day is run entirely by volunteers and they are always keen to see more people actively involved as well as to see the associated skills base that goes with this.
Light refreshments will be

available with all proceeds going



to the charity and entry is free. A souvenir programme and guide to the day will be available for just £4 and any donations people would like to make to the group would be most welcome which will go towards the continued restoration and safe keeping of the unique collection.

Lee Wolfe, publicity and events officer of The MTT has been involved with the group for more than a decade.

He said: "This event is now in

its ninth year after a two year break following the pandemic.
"We look forward to welcoming

back all our supporters and we

hope to attract many first-time visitors too. All funds raised at the event will go a long way in helping to keep our collection safe for the future."

The event will be held at the

MTT's base off Tollgate Road, Burscough, L40 8TG.

Free car parking will be available with a free park and ride bus service connecting the two sites. A free shuttle service will also run connecting the event to Ormskirk & Burscough Bus/Rail Interchanges.

Doors open from 11am until 4pm. For more information see the website, www.mttrust.co.uk

### Merseyrail and RMT Union reach agreement on train guard dispute

**BOSSES** at Merseyrail have said "an important next step" has been made towards the introduction of their new fleet of trains after they reached an agreement to a long-running dispute with the RMT Union over guard positions.

A vote to create a new per-

manent position of train manager on the fleet has been supported by members of the Rail, Maritime and Transport Workers (RMT) union.

This move will mean the position of the existing guards will continue on the new trains, and it was this point which had been contentious during discussions.

At the end of August 2018, an agreement in principle was reached to protect the role of the guard on the "driver-only operated trains," which secured the role of the guard



A CGI image of what the new Merseyrail trains will look like

on the new trains and meant the end to industrial action. But RMT members in May voted against the staff deal for the trains by 54.4% to 45.6%.

The RMT Union has said the new ballot has seen 84% voting in support of the proposals and has secured 220 jobs.

The agreement in principle states that train managers will existing guards will move to that role and be on a salary of

approximately £31,000. Aslef, the driver's union, has

yet to agree this deal. Merseyrail managing director Andy Heath said: "We are pleased that an agreement has been reached with the

"Whilst there are still several milestones that need to be achieved before the new fleet is ready for passenger service, this is an important next step towards the introduction of the ground-breaking fleet of new trains onto our network.

"We look forward to continuing to work with colleagues at Liverpool City Region Combined Authority to achieve these milestones, ahead of the planned launch later this





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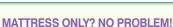
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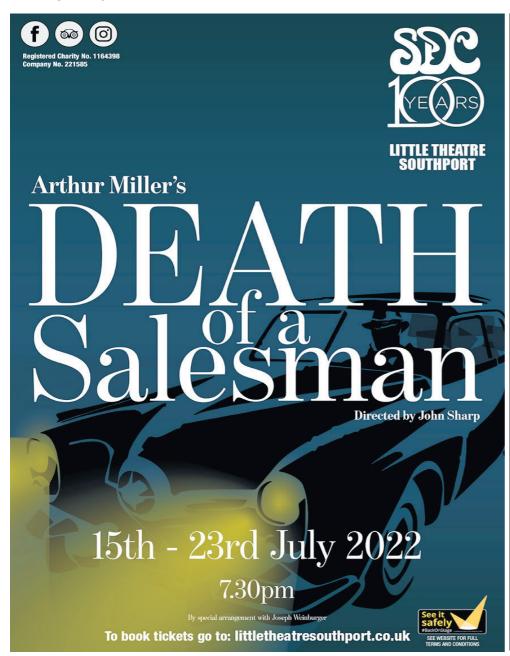








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# Family fun event on the way at St Anne's Church

Report by **Henry James** 

PARISHIONERS, families, friends and neighbours are all invited to a fun event at St. Anne's Church in Ormskirk this Saturday (July 16).

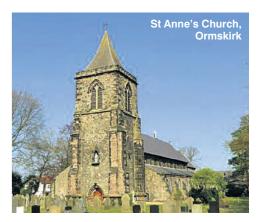
in Ormskirk this Saturday (July 16).
Held in the parish grounds, the day will start at 12.30pm for an afternoon of fun activities for all the family.

A spokesperson for St Anne's Church said: "The musicians, and the Ukulele Band will entertain us on the terrace outside the Parish Centre Hall and a wide variety of stalls including a flower display, will be sited on the old bowling green.

"The youngsters can take part in five-a-side football on the meadow or try their skills at go carting. Soft archery will be available and, intriguingly, a silent disco!

"The Tree Trail will take you around the church grounds and you can see the woodland walk which is being developed there. If you visit the Environment stall before you start on your exploring, you will be able to pick up a free packet of wild flower seeds to scatter in the areas around the trees.

"The School Pastors will be on hand to tell you about their work in local schools and on display will be the wonderful quilt sewn by a group of parishioners. Rumour has it that Father Godric, the Parish Priest, will be there to add a stitch to this amazing piece of art work."



Tea and coffee will be available in the Parish Centre where there will be exhibitions of photographs of times past in St. Anne's Church and Ormskirk.

The spokesperson added: "If you would like to help those in need in our community, you may like to bring tins of food for the local Food Bank.

"To help to counteract the rising cost of clothing, St. Anne's parents are organising a stall where you can purchase 'pre-loved' school uniforms.

"This fun event is open to all friends of St. Anne's Church not just parishioners so please come and join us, you'll be warmly welcomed."

### Force's crackdown on motor nuisance

LANCASHIRE Police launched an operation to tackle motor nuisance after seeing an increase across the county.

This type of anti-social behaviour includes the use of motorbikes, mopeds, scram-

bler bikes and quad bikes causing problems such as general anti-social behaviour, noise issues, damage to land and roads, danger to other road users and pedestrians. Officers will use a range of powers to seize vehicles that are being used illegally and causing anti-social behaviour.

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# Adventurous duo complete 'Escape from Skem' dare!

Pair reach Land's End in 24 hours - after taking on challenge without any money, food or water

Report by **Henry James** 

THE manager of Skem Men-Aces disabled football club and his friend have successfully completed their fundraiser to travel from Skelmersdale to Land's End in just 24 hours.

Carl Eaton, 59, and Peter Walsh, 60 escaped from Skem dressed as convicts, with no money, food or water, and in wheelchairs, and managed to get to their desired destination, and used one hackney, eight trains, and two buses.

Carl said: "We used much muscle power. We had plenty of ups and downs during the 24-hour challenge, but the biggest challenge was hit when we were trying to get home as there are limited trains runging or the Sunday.

ning on the Sunday.

"We got really emotional and couldn't hold back the tears at Land's End. The generosity of complete strangers kept them hydrated during the blistering heat, and a variety of cafes made sure they were well

fed. We couldn't thank them enough.
"We landed in Plymouth at 2am and felt vulnerable until we managed to bunk into a hotel reception lobby to rest our aching backs and we went off with a full belly for the final leg. Luckily,

we had no punctures or accidents."

This challenge was set to raise funds for Skem Men-aces Disability Football Team and Carousel



music and dance group to bring dance and move-

ment to adults with learning difficulties.
Carl added: "The Skelmersdale Community and beyond were amazing. With the help of a boy band called Ison Boy, and Gary Ferguson, the boys got shopping centre. People waved their goodbyes while the music played.'



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## Railway station plan was always a 'unicorn'

So, the Government has rejected proposals for a railway station in the centre of Skelmersdale.
Perhaps this will finally end the pursuit of this

The proposal was never a 'Return of the Jazzer' that a lot of people appeared to think it was.

The Governance for Railway Investment Projects (GRIP) Stage 3 proposal (the 'Preferred Option') brought a line over from the current Kirkby-Wigan line and back.

Last time I looked about £5 million had been spent to get to this stage of the GRIP process and the projected construction costs for the next stages were 'estimated' between £210 and £700

This was an investment that could never be justified by a business case nor would it provide value for money for the residents of Skelmersdale in terms of 'improved links'.

There is already a railway station at Skelmersdale

called Pimbo on the Kirkby-Wigan line. It is small and currently difficult to get to from the town centre but there is room to build a car park within walking distance of that station.

A more regular service on the line could provide almost the improved transport links that would have resulted from a town centre railway station.

A bus service to Pimbo station would be considerably quicker than busing people to the other

link option of Headbolt Lane and could also serve the industrial estate which has no regular public bus service.

They could even propose to develop electric light rail to connect Skelmersdale to the Pimbo station and perhaps even Ormskirk station.

But residents here are supposed to cheer and be thankful to have a 'new' town centre with a Lidl and a B&M Bargains.

Wake up.
Currently the last bus from Southport to Wigan goes through Ormskirk at 9.30pm.

Virtually no buses circulate parts of Skelmersdale itself (if there had been a 'town centre' station you would have to reach it on foot or by taxi.)

This town started as an experiment and it's about time 'they' stopped and started proposing, funding and delivering simple and effective solutions to our problems not Unicorns.

Around £5million was spent to reach stage 3 of GRIP.

I wonder how much of that went to people who live in Skelmersdale?

They will soon be telling us it was all spent on us though!

C J Jackson Skelmersdale



### PICTURE of the week

This picture by Paul Moran was taken with an 'effects' setting on his camera. It was captured at the Northern Cricket Club, in Crosby, during a recent game between Lancashire CCC and Durham CCC in the Second Eleven Championship.

If you would like to submit a photograph you have taken to be considered for Picture of the Week, preferably something a little quirky or unusual, please email the image to editorial@champnews.com

### Smell may have come from development

Re: The smell over Skelmersdale.

I live behind the excavation works going on at the housing development at the former Barnes Road School site. As far as I can see the smell on that day was coming

The smell started shortly after the morning ground-works was started and then ended in the evening when

They may have been digging through a wet stagnent soil patch on the day.

P Alty, Skelmersdale

### Drivers who use mobile phones could kill someone

Recently I have noticed more and more drivers using a mobile phone while driving.

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centration 100% of the time.
There is no excuse for this blatant disregard for the law.

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Having seen what I have seen in my career I plead with drivers not to use their phone while driving.

A phone call can always wait.

Malcolm Swann Maghull

### Champ boosted our church event!

Thank you so much for including our church's Open Gardens event in last week's Champion.

As a result, we had visitors who came because they saw it in the paper.

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We are so very grateful. Thanks again. Blessings to you all.

Angela Danby, On behalf of Rufford St Mary's Church

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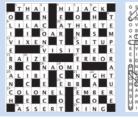
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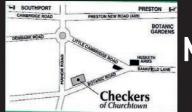


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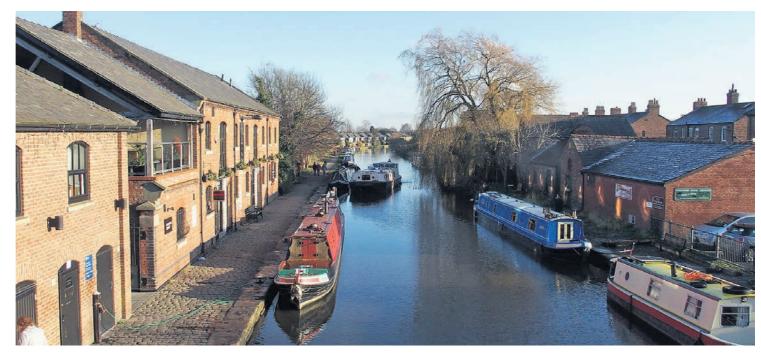
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taking place in the courtyard including food and drink festivals, heritage events, family and charity days, music and street entertainment amongst others.

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selection of independent shops, many of which have been part of the community for many years. There is plenty of free parking available and there are regular train services to Southport, Wigan and Manchester from Burscough

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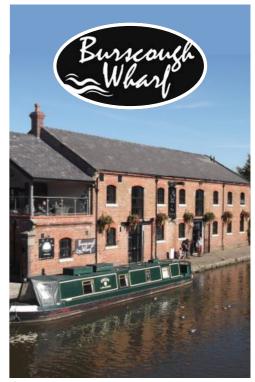
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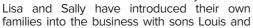
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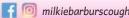




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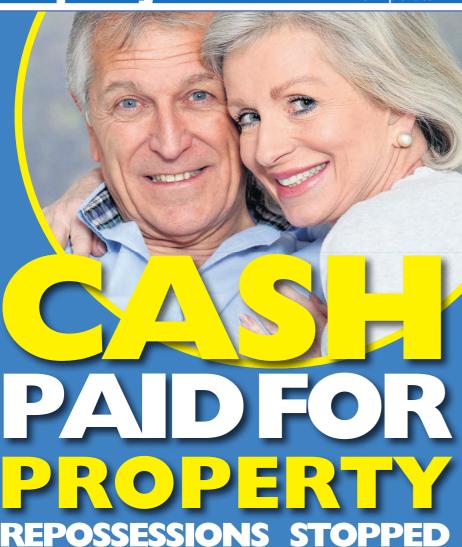
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The Year 6 children from St Thomas the Martyr CE Primary are shown inside the House of Commons with Lord Storey

# Volunteers needed to help elderly

appealing for volunteers in Ormskirk to help older people who have been unable to socialise since the Covid pandemic.

Re-engage, which is dedicated to ending loneliness and isolation for those aged 75 and older, is re-building its network of free Sunday tea parties throughout the UK and needs co-ordinators willing to spend a few hours to oversee these gatherings.
The charity currently has

around 25 volunteers in the county who regularly provide a location for tea, sandwiches and cake for some 20 older

These guests are also driven to and from the tea parties. There is a shortage of co-ordinators in some areas including Ormskirk. Meryl Davies, chief executive

of Re-engage said: "Our tea parties are the perfect remedy for those feeling isolated, probably even more so since the pandemic gripped the country, and we want to provide a service that will bring some happiness to their lives. Without co-ordinators we can't do that.

To volunteer, call 0207 240

### Pupils visit Parliament... on same day Boris resigns!

A TRIP to Parliament would be memorable for any child, but it was particulaly unforgettable for youngsters from St Thomas the Martyr CE Primary because it fell on the same day that the Prime Minister resigned!

Pupils from the Skelmersdale school were given front row seats to the news that sent shockwaves around the world after Boris Johnson announced he was stepping down on Thursday, July 7

Who would have known that the pupils would be witnesses to history in the making, with the visit coinciding with Mr Johnson's resignation?

The visit began with children enjoying a tour of both of the Houses, supported by Lord Storey; a staunch supporter of education in the House of Lords.

He made time in his busy schedule to explain to the children the importance of democracy and the rule of law.

Mr Roscoe, the headteacher of

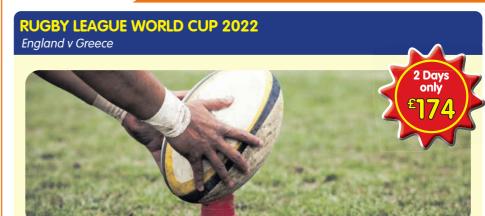
St Thomas the Martyr CE Primary, said: "It was a great experience for our children who made the most of a gallery view of both houses and a sneak peek down Downing Street on this important day in the history of British polit-

Meanwhile at the School Games Finals at Blackpool the Year 4 team from St Thomas the Martyr CE Primary came third in their Traditional Sports Day event, earning bronze medals.



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# Champion SPORT

# **Skem to face Padiham** as teams prepare for early start to FA Cup

SKELMERSDALE United have been drawn at home to Padiham in the extra preliminary round of the FA Cup, while Burscough travel to Silsden, writes Neil Leatherbarrow.

The early round of fixtures will take place on August 6 and has 416 teams involved.
Skelmersdale are at home to

Padiham, while the Linnets travel over to Yorkshire to take on Silsden, which is a familiar name having been members of the North West Counties until the summer when they were moved to

the North East Counties League.
If the teams are successful, they will be back in FA Cup action on Saturday, August 20 in the Preliminary Round.

Burscough will be at home to either Yorkshire Amateurs or Charnock Richard and the latter would surely bring a healthy attendance.

Skelmersdale also have a home game with a potential derby game as they will face either Prescot Cables or Aston Athletic at the JMO Sports Park.
In the FA Trophy, Skelmersdale will face two games on the

road, away at Widnes in the First Round Qualifying on Saturday, September 10 and if they win they are away to either Tadcaster Albion or Macclesfield on Saturday, September



Skem beat Irlam 5-1 in the FA Cup Preliminary Round last season, Picture by John Driscoll

Burscough, because they are in the North West Counties League, will play in the FA Vase and they will be pleased to have a couple of home draws.

home draws.

On Saturday, August 27,
Burscough will be at home to
North West Counties First Division side Bacup Borough. If they
are successful they will again face
North West Counties First Division opposition in Stockport Town at the Community Ground on Saturday, September 24.

This weekend both teams have home pre-season matches. Burscough play City of Liverpool at the Community Ground on Saturday, July 16 and it should

be an exciting game as a number of former Linnets play for

Liverpool, including striker Josh Quarless. Kick off 3pm.
Skelmersdale face league opposition as Morecambe travel down the M6 to the JMO Sports Park for a 3pm kick off.
In last weekend's friendly results, Burscough put up a good

fight and deserve plenty of credit despite going down 3-0 to Ratcliffe, a team two divisions above them

Skelmersdale won comfortably away to Cheshire League Winstanley Warriors.

Meanwhile, the fixtures for next season are set to be released on Thursday (July 14).

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# Ormskirk suffer crushing defeat

ORMSKIRK suffered a heavy defeat to 31.2 overs. Newton-le-Willows on Saturday after being bowled out for just 118, chasing a huge total of 292-2 declared.

Newton le Willows' innings included two unbeaten centuries with opener Ben Walkden scoring 106\* and Rizwan Haider 121\* while opener Nathan Hughes scored 49.

Afaq Ali Sartaj claimed five wickets for just 20 runs as Ormskirk were bowled out in the 50th over.

John Armstrong top scored with 31, Sam Marshmade 19 and George Politis 15.

No one could make a significant score for Ormskirk with Rizwan Haider and Siddiq Patel sharing four wickets.
Thee result leaves Ormskirk in fifth

place in the Liverpool Competition Premier Division table.

They are a full 65 points behind leaders Wallasey who easily beat Southport & Birkdale after being dismissed for just 96.

Wallasey left-arm spinner Sumit Ruikar claimed five wickets for 511 runs as S&B were reduced to 27-6 at

one stage.
Basil Sultan led a slight revival, top scoring with 28 while skipper Chris Cunningham scored 19 not out as the innings closed on 96 all out in

Wallasey opener Jamie Crawley scored 63 and number three batter Chris Davies 28 not out as they cruised home in the 19th over for the

loss of just two wickets.
Liam Grey claimed seven wickets for just 21 runs as Northern dismissed Orrell Red Triangle for just 56 to win by 187 runs on Saturday.

Grey had earlier helped Northern score 243-7 declared in 54 overs scoring 29 in an opening stand of 76 with

Jac Kennedy.
Chris Laker then scored 51 and Andrew Clarke 70 to set an imposing total.

Orrell were always struggling in their reply with Grey removing both openers cheaply. Skipper Andrew Baybutt with 13

was the only batter to make double figures before being bowled by Grey.

Daniel Wilson claimed two wickets for himself as Orrell were dismissed in the 17th over.

Elsewhere second placed Rainhill beat Formby by four wickets, Leigh beat New Brighton by four wickets, league leaders Wallasey beat South-port & Birkdale by 8 wickets.

Northern beat Orrell Red Triangle by 187 runs and Birkenhead Park drew with Wigan.



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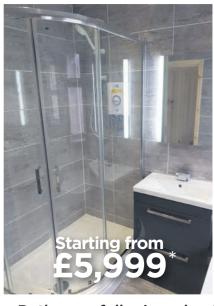
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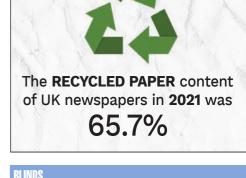
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Funeral service to take place at West Lancashire Crematorium on Thursday 21st July 2022 at 1:00pm. Family flowers only please by request. but donations if so desired to Queenscourt Hospice

All enquiries to Wendy at Massam and Marshall Independent Funeral Directors, 137-139 Manchester Road, Southport, PR9 9BD. Tel: 01704 549222

### **FRANCOMB** WILLIAM **JAMES**

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### RAY **YVONNE**

3rd July 2022 Aged 66 Years

Died unexpectedly. Loving Wife of Gordon. Much loved Mumma of Leanne and Lisa. Cherished Grandma of Josh, Max and angel Isabelle. Dear Sister of Karen, (Graham) and John. Auntie of Lauren. Jenna, Ava, Liam and Derren

Yvonne will be greatly missed by all her family and friends.

Funeral service at Southport Crematorium on Monday 18th July at 1:00pm. Family flowers only please and donations if so desired are being gratefully received for Children's Heart Unit Fund (CHUF).

Enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone 01704 500086

### **SEDDON** KATHLEEN MARY **'KATH'** FROM FORMBY

Passed away peacefully on 19th June 2022 at Formby Manor **Care Home** aged 92 years.

A devoted Wife to the late Kenneth James Seddon and a dear friend.

Funeral service to take place at Holy Trinity Church, Rosemary Lane, Formby, L37 3HA on Monday 18th July at 10:30am, followed by the committal at Liverpool Road Cemetery, Birkdale, PR8 3BD Please send floral tributes to Coop Funeralcare Formby at the address below. Donations if desired will be gratefully received for The RSPB Wildlife Charity.

For any enquiries, please contact Coop Funeralcare, 58 Brows Lane, Formby L37 4ED. T: 01704 878480

### **HOWARTH ALASTAIR BROUGHTON**

**Suddenly at home** on 28th June 2022 aged 58 years

Beloved Father to Jake. Alastair will be sadly missed by all his family and friends and by all who knew him.

**Funeral Service** and Committal will take place at West Lancashire Crematorium, Pippin Street, Burscough on Thursday 21st July 2022 at 12noon. Family flowers only please, but donations are being gratefully received by the family for the RSPCA.

Further enquiries to Porters Funeralcare. 111a Bispham Road Southport, PR9 7BJ Tel: 01704 212714

### HUNTER **ERIC JOSEPH**

4th July 2022 Aged 91 Years

Died peacefully. Beloved Husband of the late Fnid Loving Dad of Jayne, Fiona and Father in law to Oliver and Martyn. Much loved Grandad of Josh, Gaby, Esme, Louis, Florence, Henry and a cherished Great Grandad. Eric will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.

Funeral service at Southport Crematorium on Tuesday 19th July at 11:00am. Family flowers only please and donations . if so desired are being gratefully received for Queenscourt Hospice (https://eric-hunter. muchloved.com).

Enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086

### BEE

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### **NICHOLSON**

25th June 2022 **Peacefully after** a short illness aged 75 years Of Ormskirk

The dearly loved husband of Kath. Loving Dad of Jennet and a much loved Brother in law.

Funeral service at West Lancashire Crematorium on Friday 15th July 2022 at 2:00pm. Family flowers only please, donations if desired for R.N.L.I.

All enquires to Melanie Hardman at H Hardman & Co., Independent Family Funeral Directors Tel: 01695 722122/720012

### HOWARD (NEE LEWIS) **ENID** MAY

Passed away peacefully at The Promenade **Care Home** on 27th June 2022 aged 97 years

Dearly beloved Wife of the late Derek. Much loved Mum of David, Shirley and Allan Dear Mother-in-law of Yvonne and Mike. Loving Grandma of Elaine, Kirsty, Lauren and James.

missed by all her family and friends. With special thanks to all the carers and staff at The Promenade

She will be deeply

Care Home Funeral Service and Committal will take place at Southport Crematorium on Friday 22nd July 2022 at 2pm. Family flowers only by request please but the family are gratefully receiving donations for Queenscourt Hospice. Further enquiries to

Porters Funeralcare,

111a Bispham Road,

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Tel: 01704 212714.

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**DEATHS** 

6 July 2022 aged 85 years

DANNY

**GARFORTH** 

Danny's family are sorry to announce the loss of a loving Husband, Father and Grandpa. He will be missed by all his family and friends.

Danny was a talented sportsman, playing golf with a single figure handicap for over 50 years at club and county level. He was captain of Ormskirk Golf Club in 1978 but made a much, much wider contribution to golf and outside of Ormskirk.

Outside of golf, his family and alongside his fulltime job Danny was a JP at Ormskirk Magistrates Court, a governor at Bluecoat School in Liverpool and a General Commissioner for tax which led to some interesting conversations!

We will be celebrating his life at Lathom Park Chanel on 22nd of July 2022 at 11.30am followed by a Committal at West Lancashire Crematorium at 13.00pm. Family flowers only please but donations to Kidney Care UK would be welcome.

Further enquiries please to Sally Hunter, MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20 Moss Delph Lane, Aughton. Tel: 01695 424888

### DEATHS

### **JEANE** ANNE (NEE BAKER)

**SMITH** 

Peacefully passed away 17th June 2022 aged 82 years

Dearly Beloved Mum of Carol, Stephen and Linda. Dear Mother-In-Law of Michael. Loving Nana of Clifford, Candice, Robert, Gemma, Darryl, Gareth and Abbie Dear Great Grandma of Jacob, Ethan and Annalise. Jeane will be sadly missed by all her family, friends and all

Funeral Service and Committal will take place at Southport Crematorium on Tuesday 19th July 2022 at 1pm. A splash of colour is welcomed by the family for everybody to wear. Family flowers only by request please but the family are gratefully receiving donations

who knew her.

All enquiries to Moisters Funeral Directors, 8 Marshside Road, Churchtown, Southport. PR9 8PF Tel: 01704 227430.

for Spinal Unit Action

Group.

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DEATHS

### **ALDRIDGE BERYL** MY OUEEN

My Nanny B

From my beginning until vour end. You were by my side. My best friend. Not a day goes by that I wont think of you. You taught me more than I ever knew. Where would I be if it wasn't for you.

I will be forever grateful for the love you shown us all

Good night god bless

Love you Megan, Ste, Stevie & Missie xxxx

### **ALDRIDGE BERYL**

Goodnight god bless Nan. We will miss you so much. Love you always Teri-Lee, Adele, Connor and Max Ххх

### **ALDRIDGE BERYL**

I will miss our long chats at the kitchen Forever in my heart. Your loving Grandson Dwayne XXX

### **ALDRIDGE BERYL**

Mum

Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us everyday. Unseen, unheard but always near, still loved, still missed and always dear.

Your loving Daughters, Janet, Jackie, and Jean

### DEATHS

### ALDRIDGE RFRYI

6th July 2022

**Peacefully in hospital** surrounded by her devoted family at her

**Aged 77 years** 



Bervl is now re-united with her Mum. Dad & Brother Sid.

She will be sadly missed by her Husband Terry (Yank), her devoted Daughters. Grandchildren, Greatgrandchildren, Family and Friends.

Funeral Service and Cremation to be held on Tuesday 19th July 2022 at St Helens Crematorium at 12:30pm

Beryl will be resting at Skelmersdale Funeral Service: 29-31 Sandy Lane, WN8 8LA

All enquiries to Peter Coyne Funerals; c/o Keith Meddings 07835743007

### **ALDRIDGE BERYL**

Nanny B

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### McLAUGHLIN LINDA **JOYCF**

8th July 2022 **Peacefully in hospital** aged 73 years of Auc

The dearly loved Wife of Don, a loving Mum, Nan and Great Nan.

Funeral service and interment at St Thomas' Church, Lydiate on Thursday 21st July 2022 at 12 noon.

Family flowers only please, donations if desired for British Heart Foundation.

All enquiries to Melanie Hardman at H Hardman & Co.. Independent Family **Funeral Directors** Tel: 01695 722122/720012

### **JONES MICHAEL DAVID**

**RAWSTHORNE** 

2nd July 2022 **Aged 91 Years** 

> Beloved Husband of Jean. Passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by his family - Jean, Elizabeth and David.

Funeral service at St John's Anglican Church, Ainsdale, PR8 3QE on Wednesday 20th July at 11:45am. Family flowers only please but if desired donations are being gratefully received in Michael's memory to Mersey Mission To Seafarers.

Enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane. Southport. PR9 9DR. Tel: 01704 500 086.

### **SALTER** JOSEPH KEITH

2nd July 2022

**Peacefully at home** surrounded by his loving family

aged 84 years

Beloved Husband of Dorothy, devoted Father of Andrew and Michael (Decd) Dear Father-in-Law of Shirley, cherished Grandad of Lewis. Liam, Laura and Kelly and Great Grandad of Freddy, Layton, Sadie-Rae. Georgie and Heidi, Beloved Brother of Joan, Donald, John, Tony (Decd) Kathleen, Eileen and Geoffrey.

He will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.

**Funeral Service** took place at West Lancashire Crematorium on Tuesday 12th July. Donations are being gratefully received for Cancer Research UK

All enquiries to Margaret Whitelam, Skelmersdale Funeral Service, 29/31 Sandy Lane, Skelmersdale Tel 01695 559868

**SALTER** 

**JOSEPH** 

KEITH

2nd July 2022

Dad, our hearts are broken now you

have gone, you are in

our hearts forever.

### SALTER JOSEPH KEITH

2nd July 2022

We had a wonderful Grandad who we got to see grow old, your smile was made of sunshine and your heart was made of gold.

You have given us memories that we will treasure forever in our hearts.

Love to you always Grandad.

Broken Hearted Liam, Kelly, Layton and Sadie Rae XXXX

### SALTER **JNSFPH** KEITH

2nd July 2022

Grandad we miss you more than words could ever say and wish vou were here each and every day.

We know how lucky we have been to have had you as our Grandad and that is why saying goodbye is so hard to do.

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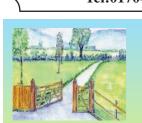
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### **CHRISTIAN** DEREK

on 5th July 2022 **Peacefully at home** Aged 80 years

Beloved Husband of Kathleen Loving Dad of Darren, Angela, Lisa and Anita. Dear Father-in-law of Geoff and lan Much loved Grandad of Sam, Nat, Catherine, Joanna and Ada Dear Brother of Charles, Peter, David and Trevor Derek will be sadly

missed by all his family and friends

Funeral service and committal will take place at West Lancashire Crematorium on Thursday 21st July at 11am. Family flowers only by request. Donations if so desired, can be made to Queenscourt Hospice

Donations and further enquires please to. M.Rushton Funeral Directors, 100 Marshside Road, Southport, PR9 9TG. Tel: 01704 214118



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### **GOODS VEHICLE** OPERATOR'S LICENCE

Darren & Victoria Smith trading as Smith Transport Services of Well Farm Barn, Liverpool Road Bickerstaffe, Lancashire L39 0FF is applying to change an existing licence as follows: To add an operating centre to keep 4 goods vehicles and 4 trailers at Clarke & Pullman, Tollgate Crescent, Buscough Ind Est, Burscough Lancashire L40 8LD.

Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre(s) who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at Hillcrest House, 386 Harehills Lane, Leeds, LS9 6NF, stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice.

Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A Guide to Making Representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's office.

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Darren & Victoria Smith trading as Smith Transport Services of Well Farm Barn, Liverpool Road Bickerstaffe, Lancashire L39 0FF is applying to change an existing licence as follows:

To add an operating centre to keep 1 goods vehicle and 1 trailer at Well Farm Barn, Liverpool Road, Bickerstaffe, Lancashire

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (C164 HOSCAR MOSS ROAD, IVY HOUSE FARM, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2022 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have

nade an Order under Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length

- of C164 Hoscar Moss Road, Ivy House Farm from a point 25m South West of the Level Crossing to a point 25m North East of the Level
- Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.
- 3. The prohibition will be operative from 0020 hours until 0530 hours on Tuesday 2nd August 2022 or until completion of the works within this period. Access for residents will be maintained whenever and herever possible.

4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via: 4. An alternative found to Venicular data canceled by the closed is visit.

C164 Hoscar Moss Road, Ivy House Farm – C164 Ring O Bells Lane,
Lathom – A5209 Briars Lane, Lathom – A5209 Lowry Hill Lane, Lathom
– A5209 Course Lane, Newburgh – A5209 Ash Brow, Newburgh –
A5209 Alder Lane, Parbold – B5246 Lancaster Lane, Parbold – B5246 Chorley Road, Parbold - B5246 Chorley Road, Hilldale - B5246 Robin Lane, Hilldale – B5246 Robin Lane, Bispham – B5246 Hall Lane, Bispham – C164 Mains Lane, Bispham – C164 Wanes Blades Road, Lathom – C164 Hoscar Moss Road, Ivy House Farm and vice versa. The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow the annual servicing of the level crossing to be carried out by Centurion Site Services on behalf of Network Rail.

Authority given for this Order to be made: Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager, Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRIT/34965/EW]

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West Lancashire Borough Council Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Article 15

APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION 2022/0283/FUL Resurfacing of the existing range with Tiger Turf and reconfiguration of existing surface water drains at Driving Range, Hurlstor

Hall Golf Club, Hurlston Lane, Scarisbrick 2022/0548/LBC Installation of replacement windows at 242 Elmers Green

The application affects a Listed Building. 2022/0633/FUL Erection of a detached dwellinghouse and associated 2022/0033POL Telection of a detached dwellinghouse and associated external works following demolition of the existing agricultural storage building at Land To The Rear Of 3 And 7, Clyffes Farm Close The application affects a Conservation Area.

The applications are available for viewing on the Council's website

The applications are available for viewing on the Council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. If it is not possible for you to view the application via the Council's website, please contact the office to discuss alternative arrangements for viewing the application. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's website, by e-mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to Development, Heritage & Environment Manager, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 24 days of the date of this notice quoting the

Applications for Minor Commercial and Householder Development

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Heidi McDougall BSc (Hons), MBA Dated: 13th J Corporate Director of Place & Community PDNOT1191

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(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2022 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

- No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length East of its junction with C162 Appley Lane South, Appley Bridge for a distance of approximately 130m South East of its junction with C162 Appley Lane South, Appley Bridge for a distance of approximately 65m in a Southerly direction.

  2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.
- 3. The prohibition will be operative from 0800 hours on Monday 1st

August 2022 until 1700 hours on Thursday 11th August 2022 or until completion of the works within this period. Access will be maintained

iompletion or the Works Within uns period. Access will be maintained whenever and wherever possible.

I. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:—
2162 Appley Lane South, Appley Bridge – C162 Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge – B5375 Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge – A5209 Hall Bridge – A5209 Ball Bridge – B5375 Appley Ball Bridge – B5375 Appley Bridge – B5376 Ball Bridge – B5376 Bridge – B5376 Bridge – B5376 ane, Wrightington – A5209 Sparrow Hill, Parbold – A5209 Parbold Hill, Parbold – A5209 Alder Lane, Parbold – A5209 Ash Brow, Newburgh – Parbold – A 5209 Alder Lane, Parbold – A 5209 Ash Brow, Newburgh – C 160 Cobbs Brow Lane, Newburgh – C 160 Cobbs Clough Road, Skelmersdale – U 3219 Whalleys Road, Skelmersdale – U 3219 Whalleys Road, Skelmersdale – A 577 Stannanought Road, Skelmersdale – A 577 Windmill Road, Up Holland – A 577 Newgate Road, Up Holland – A 577 Ormskirk Road, Up Holland – A 577 Ormskirk Road, Up Holland – C 162 College Road, Up Holland – C 162 Stoney Brow, Up Holland – C 162 Roby Mill, Up Holland and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow the installation of a road crossing and completion of connection works to be carried out by O'Connor's Utilities on behalf of Electricity North West. Authority given for this Order to be made:

Authority given for this Order to be made:

Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager, Highways and ransport, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRiT/36985/EW]



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# The days of truly cheap cars are gone!



RUSSIA is making rubbish cars again. Sanctions, and the subsequent shortage of bits required to bolt together proper ones, has made sure of it.

For those of you old enough to remember Lada jokes there's a comforting circularity to it, so we might as well bring any younger Champion readers right up to speed by trotting a few out. What do you call a Lada with a sunroof? A skip. How do you double a Lada's value? By filling it up. Why do Ladas have heated rear windows? To keep your hands warm when you're pushing them. Ha ha, boom boom, etc. etc.

But it wouldn't surprise me if that last one is no longer applicable if the dreadful conflict in Ukraine rages on much longer, because the reason why the Lada Granta Classic is so laughably awful is because it doesn't come equipped with things that you take for granted on a new car – things like ABS or airbags, for instance. The story goes that after Vladmir Putin's decision to send troops towards Kyiv the subsequent sanctions meant that Lada production had to stop altogether, and then-owner Renault quickly sold-up as Western companies quickly got shot of their Russian outfits. So the home brewed solution was simply to put the Granta back into production without the missing bits.

You won't want one not just because it doesn't meet current UK safety rules and thus can't be sold here, and would breach all sorts of Ukrainerelated sanctions if it did, and even if you did somehow get to Moscow and slapped down a deposit at a Lada dealer I wouldn't recommend it because – and this is not another Lada joke – you have to sign a written waiver promising not to leave the Russian Federation.

In fact, the only reason you'd want one is because it's Russia's cheapest new car – a Focussized five-door hatch that in pound sterling works out at just under ten grand. Compare that to the UK's current cheapest new car, the Kia Picanto, a titchy city car that starts at £12,250 (although



it does meet UK safety rules, to be fair). Want something a bit bigger? The Dacia Sandero starts at £12,595. Thanks partly to the cost of living crisis, our insistence on more tech and carmakers largely giving entry-level offerings a steer because they're less profitable, the days of truly cheap cars like the Perodua Nippa and Nissan Pixo are gone.

Well, they are unless you count the Citroën Ami, which I know a lot of people don't because it's a tiny electric two-seater that can just about crack 28mph. With a range of 47 miles and a tiny boot I doubt it'd make much sense if your daily commute involves belting along the M62 to Manchester and back every day, but if you only pop to the shops a couple of times a week it might just work, because it's now by far the UK's

cheapest new car. To lease one you'd need to put down a £2,500 deposit, but after that the bill to Citroën is £19.99 a month. My mobile phone costs more than that!

I'll level you with you. On account of being classed as a light quadricycle rather than a car the Ami doesn't come with airbags or ABS either, but it's a lot safer than wobbling around on a scooter, which is the market that Citroen's after, and you do get a shiny new vehicle with a warranty chucked in.

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